

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9 and 10 are amended.

Reconsideration in light of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,542,161 to Koyama et al. (Koyama). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Koyama discloses or renders obvious the subject matter recited in claims 1-10. However, Koyama does not disclose or suggest a pattern matching that identifies whether an array of pixels contains a horizontal, a vertical or diagonal line, as recited in claims 1, 9 and 10.

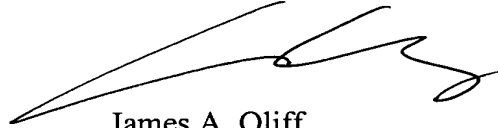
Koyama discloses using correction patterns to arrange for strokes of Chinese or Japanese characters based on typeface attribute tables. See Figs. 52-55, and col. 32, line 23 through col. 33, line 23. However, Koyama does not disclose or suggest identifying whether an array of pixels contains a horizontal, vertical or diagonal line. Therefore, Koyama does not disclose or suggest a pattern matching that identifies whether an array of pixels contains a horizontal, vertical or diagonal line, as recited in claims 1, 9 and 10.

For at least the above reason, Koyama does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 9 and 10, and claims 2-8 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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